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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Application of:

CASE NO.: PT-0043 US NA

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GROUP ART UNIT: 1711

APPLICATION NO.: 09/927,731

EXAMINER: S. ACQUAH

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FOR: SULFONATED ALIPHATIC-AROMATIC COPOLYESTERS

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2003, entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of pending claims 1-4 and 6-12 are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this response.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this response.